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For : PROCESS FOR REDUCING PROTEIN ALLERGENS IN
LATEX PRODUCTS

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Asst. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants herewith make of record the following information in the concurrently filed patent application:

U.S. Patent No. 5,691,446 to Dove, dated November 25, 1997; and

U.S. Patent No. 5,741,885 to Dove, dated April 21, 1998.

Copies of these documents are enclosed, along with a PTO-1449 Form listing the documents. Because each document is in English, further comment is believed to be unnecessary at this time.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and that he/she confirm that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO-1449 form. Applicants also request that these documents be listed on the face of any patent that may issue from this application.

These documents were cited in the International Search Report for the related PCT parent

application. For the Examiner's convenience, a copy of the International Search Report is enclosed. Notably, each document is cited as a "Category A" type document, which means it was considered as relating to the general state of the art and the second document is cited as a "Category P", which means the document was published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed.

For the Examiner's convenience, a copy of the PCT International Preliminary Examination Report for the related PCT parent application also is enclosed.

Submission of this information should not be construed as an admission that the cited documents are relevant or constitute "prior art" against this application. If any document is applied against any claim in this application and Applicants determine that the document does not constitute prior art under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to submit to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of the document. Also, Applicants reserve the right to amend the claims to patentably distinguish from any cited documents.

Respectfully submitted,

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